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RIO BRAVO. A Mexican Lament. From the Spanish of Don Jose Maria Joaquin de Ho Axce de Saltillo, a Mexican Poet.

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BY C. F. HOFFMAN. Rio Bravo! Rio Rtavo! Saw men ever such a sight? Since the field of Roncesvalles Sealed the fate of many a knight!

Dark is Palo Alto's story Sad Resaca Palma's root: On those latal helds so gory, Many a gallatat life went out.

There our best and hravest lances. Shivered 'g tinst the northern steel. Left the valiant hearts that couched them 'Neath the northern charger's heel.

Rio Bravo! Rio Bravo! Minstel n'er knew such a fight, Since the fiel I of Rong syalles Sealed the fate of many a raight.

Rio Bravo! fatal river; Saw ye not, while red with gore, Torrejohn all headless quiver, A ghastly trunk upon thy shore?

Heard ye not the wounded coursers. Shrieking on your trampled banks. As the northern winged artillery, Thunder'd on our shatter'd ranks.

There Arista, best and bravest-There Raguena tried and true-On the fatal field thou lavest, Nobly did all men could do.

Vainly there those heroes rally, Castile on Montezuma's shore, "Rio Brave"-" Reneasvalles," Ye are names blent evermore.

Weenest thou, lorn lady Incz. For thy lover 'mid the slain-Bray : La Vega's trenchant falcion. Cleft his slaver to the brain.

Brave La Vega, who all lonely, By a host of foes beset, Yielded up his sabre only When his equal there he met.

Other champions not less noted, Sleep beneath that sullen wave; Rio Bravo, thou hast floated An army to an ocean grave.

On like eagles towards the sin-Followed then the northern bayonat, And the field was lost and won . O! for Orlando's horn to rally

On they came, those northern horsemen,

His Palladins on that sad shore; "Rio Bravo"-"itonces"alies," Ye are names blent evermore.

Bill Dean, the Texas Ranger.

KENDALL, of the "Picayune," who was at Matamoras on the 13th ult., describes in a letter to that paper, an extraordinary joker he has lately tallen in with. Such an exposition of culinary art on the Texas Prairies, we have never seen before .-We would go miles to see Bill Dean and hear him tell the story--which Kendali thus hits off: -

Rare wags may be found among the Texas volunteers, yet the funniest fellow of ll is a happy-go-lucky chap named Bill Dean, one of Chevather's spy company, and said to be one of the best "seven up" players in all Texas. While at Corout on the stoop of the Kinney House, early one morning, when along came Bull Du Page, Kendall, McHenry, Grundy Dean. He did not know a single soul in and Iroquois. Office and residence on the crowd, although he knew we were att bound for the Rio Grande: yet the fact that the regular formalities of an introduction had not been gone through with, did not prevent his stopping short in his walk and accosting us. His speeh, or harangue, or whatever it may be termed, thape as possible.

'Oh, yes,' said he with a knowing leer of the eye 'oh yes, all going down among the robbers on the Rio Grande, are you! Fine times you'll have over the left. I've been there myself, and done what a great many of you won't do-- I come back, but if I didn't see nateral h-il- in August eight days on one poor hawk and three blackberries-could'nt kill a prairie rat on the whole route to save us from starstruck a small streak of good luck-a horse give out and broke down, plump out in the centre of the open prairie—not a stick big enough to tickle a rattlesnake with, let alone killing him. Just had time he,d have died a nateral death. It didn't some chunks of meat and stick them on matter. I piled up a heap of prairie grass, for it was high and dry, and sot it on fire; but it flashed up like powder, and went

out as quick. Butyou cook your horse-meat after that?' 'How ?'ou was in they age and

just in season to give him a little breath. 'but did you cook your meat in the end?'

*Not bad I didn't. I chased the d_____ fire a mile and a half, the almightyest hardest race you ever heer'd tell on, and never give it up until I run her right plump into a wet marsh: there the fire and up of as great a variety of incidents as the from Council Grove. We are now at Cot. recoils from the numerous mouments of chunk of horse meat came out even-a dead heat, especially the meat.'

'But wasn't it cooked?' put in another of the listeners.

"Cooked!-no!-just crusted over a little. You dont cook brown horse flesh very easy, no how: but when it comes to given, chasing up a prairie fire with a chunk of it, I don't know which is the toughest, the meat or the job. You'd have laughed to split yourself to have seen me in that race-to see the fire leave me at times. and then to see me brushin' up on her again, humpin' and movin' myself as though I was runnin' ag'in some of those big ten mile an hour Gildersleeves in the old states. But I'm a goin' over to Jack Hayne's to get a cocktail and some break. fast-I'll see you all down among the robbers on the Rio Grande.'

And so saying, Bill Dean stalked off. I saw the chap this morning in front of a Mezican fonda, trying to talk Spanish with Greaser, and endeavoring to convince him that he was a 'd——I tobber.' Such is one of Bill Dean's Stories--if I could only make it as effective on paper to snort in a very unusual manner. The Our friends who wish to address us will as he did in the telling, it would draw a doctor looked around but could not discov. please direct to "Fort Leavenworth, care laugh from those fond of the ridiculous.

We make the following interesting ex

tracts from a late letter of the able correspondent of the New York Spirit of the

In the memorable engagements of the 8th and 9th, none fought with more vim than the Irish. In the midst of death, surrounded by the dying, their mother wit and humor would break out. At the risk of repeating an anecdote, which is now going the rounds of the papers, I must record it for the "Spirit:"-

Very early in the morning, after the battle of the 8th, an Irishman walking over the battlefiield, heard a pack of wolves apparently from their growling, quarreling over the bodies of the dead. He exclaimed-"Be asy with yez; where's the use of quarreling, sure there's enough for

all of ye'es." He little knew that the wolves would not eat them. Their howl must have been a wail at their not finding Americans. it's a singular fact, Mr. Spirit, that neither the wolves nor buzzards will touch them. At this moment on the field of Palo Alto, are to be seen numbers of the dead completely dried up with their clothes on them, giving evidence of not having been touched by any beast or bird of prey. It is unaccountable to me. The bodies of our men would be destroyed immediatelythe Mexicans remain untouched. Some pretend to account for it from the fact of pus Christi, a lot of us were sitting their eating so much garlic and cayenne pepper-the wolves not enjoying such pungent condiments. As far as I am concerned, I give due weight to the above fears and wrapping her in his ample cloak wagons, straggling horseman, and the reasons, for I have none to assign. Some of your scientific readers may account for it. Of the fact, that they will not touch them, they may be assured. Set your scientifics at work to discover a better story which the doctor told him. cause than that assigned by the vulgar.

The good citizens are becoming more will lose much in telling, yet I will en- at home with us; many of the genteeler deavor to put it upon paper in as good class are showing themselves. There is a great deal of beauty among them-some most strikingly beautiful faces. They have a luxurious life, at least I call it so if you, friend Porter, had inhabited a Southern clime, and felt the enervating effects of the climate, you would be of my opinion. They sit all day long in buildings with thick walls and brick floors, with at that-I am a teapot. Lived only their beautiful suits of hair nicely braided and tied up with the least possible quantity of dress (like Mrs. Trollope says of us, I'm a little modest and hate to mention it) vation. The ninth day come, and we that you can possibly fancy. I say there they sit the live long day, without hardly a particle of heat reaching them, and in the evening they emerge like bees from their hives, and take possession of their balconies, and enjoy one of the most deto save our critter by shootin' him, and licious evening climates that God has that was all, for in three minuets more ever granted to us poor mortals. I apply this, of course, to better class, for the filth take us long to butcher him, ner cut off of the lower is not endurable. They are very sociable, and will permit you to stop ors in Chancery Joliet, Ill, Office on Chicago our ramrods, but the cookin' was another at their lattice windows and gaze on their beautiful faces, whether from sheer lazi. gies. ness, or from the innerent love of admiration, part and purcel of sex, I leave you to judge. If you are a lover of nature-'But,' put in one of his hearers, but did unadorned-you can gratify your taste by looking up to Fort Paredes, and witness fair creatures bathing in the Rio Grande.

E. H. LITTLE.

Once in a while a little flurry of wind the flur of the tend the Courte regularly, in the Courter of the start; but I'd brush upon forms C. H. Grandy Co. I'l.

Those volcances, on the earth. These volcances, are believed to be the chinneys or verts, by which the gaseous matter escapes that a few yards the start; but I'd brush upon beautiful. The courtes of the start is generated by the internal fires of the critical fires of the start is generated by the internal fires of the method of the critical fires of the start is generated by the internal fires of the method of the start is a few yards the start; but I'd brush upon beautiful. On the same writer mentions a rumor that Mr. Clay's effigy had been hung up at the markethonse, but adds that he doobts that, at a depth of twenty miles, it is also said to have been denounced in general and bitter terms by the crowd for his speech upon the trial.

THOSE NEW GOODS AT LOVE's, we've no doubt, ejaculated one is a white heat; and at the depth of fifty of the listeners, interrupting the mad wag in grainst Mexico.

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BY A COUNTRY PHYSICIAN. The life of a physician brings him in contact with many strange events, and that of country practitioners is often made from "Pleasant Valley," about seven miles city could afford.

He had been attending an infant child of overhauling, in the interval between the throne. The divine image shines forth, and was buried, and the mother was more

One night a week or two after the bar- miles to Bent's Fort. (Some Vandal hand has since destroyed name-"Laclede Rangers." them.) The doctor was musing upon we

ened, but it must be confessed that his estimate. hair almost stood up, and clutched the end of his riding whip convulsively, as he look. er still has us with him. Nothing could ed and saw among the tall white tomb- exceed the confidence which every man stones a figure in white, with long dis. seems to have in him. As a military heveled hair, kneeling beside a new made man we find him just strict enough to keep infant's grave. The figure was rocking us all in order, but not in the least oppresto and fro, as if in pain or grief, and was sive. He is, however, fond of rapid marchso near him that he could see that its ing and keeps us to it very steadily. Yeswhite drapery was scanty and the cold terday, for example, we made about thirwind tossed the long hair about wildly .- ty miles, and expect to make twenty five A moment and his resolution was formed. to-morrow. These distances will not Carefully and firmly he approached and seem great to persons unaccustomed to spoke, but he received no answer. He military movements: but we find by expelaid his hand gently upon the figure; it was ence that twenty miles a day is a good evidently flesh and blood. The Doctor distance to move a camp. There is a felt relieved. The second look told him great deal to be done-packing, loading that it was a female, clad, notwithstand- the wagons, getting the horses ready-ing the inclemency of the weather, in a unloading, pitching tents, taking care of was the young mother at the grave of her man in the company, from Captain down, infant child. Her mind had been so is kept busily employed-so much so, that wrought upon by its death that even when I find the keeping of a diary, even with sleeping she was not perfectly mistress of brief notes, quite an interference with her actions. She had risen from her bed other calls. We think that service in the and walked more than a mile from her artillery must be more laborious than in residence to the burial ground, not waking, dragoon companies. The artillery batand as may be supposed, was horribly talion moves in good order, and presents frightened when she found herself among a formidable appearance. When all our and placing her behind him upon the horse companies spread over four or five miles returned with her to her residence. Her of the prairie, we find it a great convenihusband had not awakened during her ence to scatter along, as it leaves us all a absence, and could scarcely believe the better choice of the road, and keeps us

a correspondent of the Union: "At daylight the effigies of Judge Baucker and the 8 jurors were found suspended New Mexico first. y the neck immediately in front of the had assembled in the court house yard; nearly at the Arkansas by this time. and an address was made to them by Col. Robert J. Wilson, approving of this expression of the popular indignation, and denouncing Judge B. and the jurors; after which a series of resolutions were passed unanimously, the substance of which was to condemy the ju 'ge, and asking his un- them had our heartiest thanks. conditional resignation, and providing for the taking down and burning of the effi-

"After some further proceedings, the figures ware taken down, and carried in the road well, can easily travel to this procession through the principal streets. point without suffering for water, though Upon Judge B.'s effigy a label was to be he will not always find it of the choicest seen of "The judge without justice," and quality. It is difficult, sometimes, to find his name in front. Upon the figure of wood at some of the camping places; but of the pedestrain. 'Yes, how?'
'Why, the fire caught the grass close by, and the wind carried the flames streak ing across the prairie. I followed up the fire, holding my chunk of meat direction in the fire manner of the forehand, and carry a little wood along (when you cannot get bois de nache) to make your coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to carry wood to make our coffee. We shall have to ca

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CAMP AT COTTONWOOD CREEK, July 10, 1846.

Eds. of the Reveille:- I wrote you

ial of the child, the worthy doctor was ri- When in Col. Doniphan's regiment we through the parched desert. His heart ding at a late hour past the village bury. were called, officially, "Company E;" but burns within him whilst he peruses the ing ground, The moon was shining the company from Franklin county have reviving record, and his eye dwells with brightly and a cool March wind was whis. ing taken our place, have also taken our delight on the animating page. He feels tling through the tops of a couple of tall letter. We are now as an independent thankful to the "Giver of all good," for raispines which ornamented the grave yard. company, officially known by our own ing up such examples of distinguished ex-

know not what, when suddenly his old health and condition, bringing us some white horse pricked up his ears and began very acceptable letters from the fort .er anything. The nag, with instinct more of Captain Hudson, Laclede Rangers, acute began to shy away from the old Missouri Volunteers." The letters will Incidents of the War-Folks in Matamoros. grave yard fence, as if he had no inten- all be sent forward as opportunity offers. tion of coming in contact with any spirit Letters and papers are always acceptable which might walk there. The doctor was on such a campaign as this. No one who not superstitious, he got off his horse and has not been in the wilderness can apclimbed the fence into the grave yard, to preciate the pleasure it affords the wansee what had afrighted his staid and steady derer to hear from dear absent friends.-The slightest memento, which shows that The doctor was a man not easily fright we are not forgotten, has a value beyond all picture. He who looks upon the bright

Col. Kearney is still with us-or rath. thin night dress. She was asleep! It the horses, cooking, &c., &c. Every he tombs. The good Doctor quieted her camp gets in motion in the forenoon our clear of the dust.

It is reported in camp to-day that Ma-Case of La Faverre Shelby .- There jor Clark brought along Col. Kearney's is a great deal of excitement at Lexington, promotion as Brigadier General, but I do Kentucky, in consequence of the acquit. not know whether the report is correct, tal of Shelby, the murderer of Mr. Horine. though such a promotion has been expec-On Monday the 13th inst, quite a serious ted by others than the Colonel for some demonstration was made, as we learn from time. It is also reported that our destination is the Pacific Ocean; but this can hardly be possible-we want to take

We have no news from Capt. Moore, court house door, and an attempt on the and do not know whether he overtook that part of the jailor to remove them was met Mexican ammunition or not. Col. Donby such a determined resistance by the iphan's volunteer regiment is now all agetters-up of the effigies that no forther head, and will report to Capt. Moore, U. effort to remove them was made. At 10 S. Dragoons, or wait for Col. Kearney o'clock, a crowd of from 3,000 to 5,000 if we do not overtake him. Some of the people from the country and of the city companies which started first must be

Night before last, Capt. McKissach, assistant Quartermaster, brought us some packages and two or three letters, one of the packages contained newspapers from St. Louis and other places, which, I need not say, were welcome. Those who sent

This road—the Santa Fe trace-has

been so often described, than remarks upon it would be superfluous. It is eviden' to me, thus far that a man who knows

the productions

a fair chance in the mountain passes, we expect to enter the Province of New Mexico, whether the Mexicans are agreed or Truly yours, John Brown.

In tracing the page of history, the mind tonwood Creek, about fifty miles further human nature in ruins, which are every The following incident the writer of on, and about two hundred and ten miles where present. Characters of vice and this can vouch for as having occurred as from Fort Leavenworth. The artiflery deformity are perpetually occurring. Even related, and if it did not turn out "real from St. Louis, and the two infantry com- in the sacred records, such characters aghost" at least it came very near being panies are still with us. We are lying bound, and exhibit man, in every variety one. The initials only of the parties are in camp, to-day, as we have had showers of situation, as fallen, degraded, and desince last evening, and our horses require praved. Occasionally a bright scene o-Dr. G --- was the principal physician resting as their backs are somewhat scal- pens; a devout Samuel ministers in the in the village of S- in Massachusetts, ded. This has, therefore, been a day of temple, and a pious Hezekiah fills the a young couple, whose residence was a showers-putting guns in order, shoeing and the virtues of individuals declare mile from the village, but the child died horses, baking, &c., I cannot tell the dis- whence man derived his origin. The intance to the crossing of the Arkansas from troduction of these ornaments of the huthan usually afflicted at the loss of her first born, which would leave us still 350 our reader, than a refreshing stream to the weary and thirsty traveller, in passing cellence, and exhibiting such evidence of Major Clark came up last night, in good | the power of divine grace in the transformation of the human character .- Stowell.

'I mark only the Hours that shine.'-The above, is the inscription upon a sun dial in Italy. It inculcates a beautiful lesson which too many are prone to disregard. It would teach us to remember the bright days of life, and not to forget the blessings God is giving us. Life, it is true, is not all bright and beautiful. But still it has its lights as well as its shades, and it is neither wise nor grateful to dwell to much upon the darker portions of the side of life, and makes the hest of every thing, will, we think, other things being equal, be a better and a happier man than those who, as Franklin says, 'are always looking at the ugly leg.' and find occasion for complaint and censure in almost every thing they ment with.

Mineral Lands.

AN ACT to direct the President of the U lited States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the State of Illinois, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House Representatives of the United States f America, in Congress acsembled, That the President be, and he hereby is directed, as soon as practicable, to cause the reserved lead mines and contiguous lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, belonging to the United States, to be exposed to sale in the same manner that other public lands are authorized by law to be sold, except as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. That six months' notice of the times and places of said sales shall be given in such newspapers of general circulation, in such of the States as the President may think expedient, with a brief description of the mineral regions of the States of Illinois and Ark., and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, and of the lands to be offered for sale; showing the number and localities of the different mines now known, the probability of discovering others, the quality of the ore, the facilities of working it, the further facilities (if any) for the manufactories of shot, sheet-lead, and paints, and the means and expense of transporting the whole to the principal markets in the United States.

Sec. 3. That upon satisfactory proof made to the register and receiver of the proper land office, that any tract or tracts of said land contains a mine or mines of lead ore; actually discovered and being then and in that case the same shall be sold in such legal subdivision or subdivisions, of not less than forty acres, as will clude such mine or mines, and no bid shall be received therefor at a less rate than the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per acre, and if such tract or tracts shall not be sold at such public sale at such price, none shall be entered at private sale within twelve months thereafter, then the same shall be subject to sale as other lands; Provided, that no legal subdivision of any of said lands upon which there may be an outstanding lease or leases from the gov. ernment of the United States, or their authorized agent, unexpired and undetermined, shall be sold until after the determination of such lease or leases by effluxion of time, voluntary surrender, or other legal extinguishment thereof.

A loafer jostling against a gentleman

Every evening you will fine crowds of the jurors, "bribery, perjury," &c, with the proper way when going to such pla-

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